

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10. **(Canceled)**

11. **(Currently amended)** In a valve for controlling fluids that are at high pressure, having a valve seat region, at which a high-pressure region and a low-pressure region can be made to communicate with one another or can be disconnected from one another, and having a valve body, at which a seat face is embodied for a conical valve member, the seat face extending in inclined fashion in the valve body, the improvement wherein the conical valve member comprises a multiconical geometry in the valve seat region, including at least one first conical face and one second conical face, and wherein the first conical face has a seat angle difference from the seat face of the valve body, wherein the valve member is the valve member of an inward-opening valve or an outward-opening valve, a pocketlike recess is embodied in the seat face of the valve body of an inward-opening valve, or in the seat face of an outward-opening valve, and a sealing edge formed on the valve member of an inward-opening valve or on the valve body of an outward-opening valve, the sealing edge being located closer to the high-pressure region than the pocketlike recess when the high-pressure region and the low-pressure region are disconnected from one another.

12. **(Previously presented)** The valve in accordance with claim 11, wherein the second conical face of the multiconical geometry has a further seat angle difference that exceeds the seat angle difference of the first conical face.

Claim 13. **(Canceled)**

Claim 14. **(Canceled)**

15. **(Currently amended)** The valve in accordance with claim 11, wherein the valve ~~needle~~ member is the valve member of an inward-opening valve ~~of or~~ an outward-opening valve, and wherein the seat angle difference between the first conical face and the seat face of the valve body is less than 5°.

Claim 16. **(Canceled)**

Claim 17. **(Canceled)**

18. **(Currently amended)** The valve in accordance with claim ~~[[17]]~~ 11, wherein the seat angle difference at the first conical face is embodied as extending radially outward.

19. **(Currently amended)** The valve in accordance with claim 11, wherein the sealing edge is embodied as an edge of a seat face of the valve body.

20. **(Currently amended)** The valve in accordance with claim 11, wherein the sealing edge is located between the seat face and a chamfer embodied on the valve body, and wherein the chamfer has the seat angle difference from the seat face.